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28 May 1947

MEMORANDUM TO CHIEF, CONTRACT UNIT

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Subject: Proposed Construction at [redacted]

1. Reference is made to your memorandum to this office, dated 26 May 1947, concerning the above subject. You enclosed a copy of the plans of the buildings, numbered 819-11, which is returned herewith.

2. You state that you are negotiating for a war surplus building now located at Santa Ana, California. Apparently, the building is of a temporary type, since you propose to move the building and erect it at [redacted]. You request clearance from this office for the purchase and erection of this building, since it will be placed on leased [redacted] STATINTL Reference is made to our memorandum to [redacted] dated 23 April 1947, in which various opinions of the Comptroller General were discussed concerning erection of buildings on leased premises.

3. The determination of what type temporary or prefabricated building is to be erected at Nanada is a matter for administrative determination. Also, the approval of the expenditures in connection with the purchase and erection of such temporary or prefabricated building is a matter for administrative determination. If the purchase, moving, and erecting of the building proposed in your memorandum of 26 May 1947, is determined by your office in conjunction with the using Branch to be necessary and desirable, this office will have no legal objection to the expenses involved, and, in accordance with the opinions of the Comptroller General, it would not appear that such expenses would be within the purview of the provisions of the Economy Act (40 U.S.C.A. 278a). It is suggested that your office prepare for the record a memorandum substantiating the administrative determination that such building is necessary to carry out the purposes of authorized activities, keeping in mind the possibility of using quonset huts or other types of buildings which possibly could be secured from War Assets Administration or other Government agencies at no cost or with reimbursement.

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4. This memorandum is not classified, since the basis for classification in our memorandum of 28 April 1947 is not present.

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Assistant General Counsel

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